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Aloha Committee Chairwoman Kobayashi and members of the Budget Committee,

Please defer action on Bill 69 as submitted by Mayor Caldwell. The aesthetic and legal costs associated with passing this bill will undermine the efforts of many organizations that have fought for decades to preserve the enviable status that Hawai'i enjoys.

These organization's efforts are reflected in the popularity that Hawai'i enjoys as a unique billboard free environment.

The Outdoor Circle, specifically, has championed this effort for almost a hundred years, and I hope you will continue to support their efforts by deferring action on this bill.

I feel there are alternative ways of securing the necessary funds to support the bus expenses without sacrificing our protection of the natural beauty of Hawai'i that sets our State apart from the rest of the country.

Aloha,

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